

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Before the title, delete "Description".

Before paragraph [0001], add the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Before paragraph [0003] add the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

[0004] -- The object ~~on which the invention is based~~ is achieved according to one aspect of the invention by an actuator according to the invention and by an inventive having sensors for detecting measurement variables which represent the operating state and an evaluation unit which is associated with the actuator, with the evaluation unit being connected to at least one from amongst the multitude of sensors and actuating elements via a first data bus. According to another aspect of the invention, the object is achieved by a method for operating an actuator having an evaluation unit and at least one element from amongst the multitude of sensors and actuating elements which is connected to the evaluation unit via a first data bus, with sensors and actuating elements transmitting data, which in particular represents the operating state of the actuator, to the evaluation unit.

Delete paragraph [0005].

Before paragraph [0026] add the heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Amend paragraph [0026] as follows:

[0026] --~~Except for in the claims, the~~ An exemplary embodiment of the invention is explained in greater detail below with reference to the exemplary embodiments which are illustrated in the drawing, in which:--

Before paragraph **[0030]**, add the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--.

On page 15, after the heading "PATENT CLAIMS" and before the first claim, add -
--What is claimed is:--.

Replace the Abstract as per attached separate sheet: